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## RESOLUTION 08-10

### OPPOSING MILITARY ACTION AGAINST AND SUPPORTING DIPLOMACY WITH IRAN

- WHEREAS, plans for a major U.S. bombing campaign against Iran have already been drawn up by the U.S Strategic Command at the Bush Administration's ("the Administration") direction; and
- WHEREAS, active-duty and retired generals and admirals have told the Administration that a bombing campaign against Iran could lead to serious economic, political and military consequences for the United States; and
- WHEREAS, bombing Iran's nuclear sites and military infrastructure would probably kill thousands of civilians; and
- WHEREAS, bombing Al Quds sites of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard or a naval blockade by U.S. or its allies would be acts of war and jeopardize resolution of the nuclear question and a blockade would bring hardship to innocent civilians; and
- WHEREAS, Article IV of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons ("Non-Proliferation Treaty") affirms "the inalienable right of all the Parties to the Treaty to develop. . . nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination. . ."; and
- WHEREAS, the National Intelligence Estimate issued in December, 2007 states that Iran halted its nuclear weapons program in 2003, while keeping the option open for the future; and
- WHEREAS, direct diplomacy between the U.S. and Iran is the most effective means of achieving compliance by Iran with the Non-Proliferation Treaty and assurances from the U.S. that it will respect Iran's security are essential to persuade Iran permanently to forgo a nuclear deterrent; and
- WHEREAS, Iran has an indispensable role to play in negotiations to curb both sectarian violence in Iraq and a wider war; and
- WHEREAS, such negotiations are an essential part of an orderly withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq; and
- WHEREAS, an attack on Iran would undermine moderates within Iran and appear to vindicate the extremist and unacceptable statements of its current President about Israel and the United States; and
- WHEREAS, an appearance of such vindication could increase terrorism in the Middle East and globally; and
- WHEREAS, war with Iran could disrupt world oil supply and exact a severe economic impact on the American economy; and
- WHEREAS, residents of Bloomington have family members serving the United States Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan whose lives would be at greater risk in a war with Iran; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington is suffering from severe cuts in social service and other funding because of spending on the Iraq war and will experience further cuts in essential services in the event of a war with Iran; and


WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington Common Council has passed resolutions calling for reduced reliance on fossil fuels, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, in order to realize the community goals outlined above, it is imperative that scarce U.S. taxpayer funds be invested in improving our collective condition through improvements in physical and human infrastructure rather than an unnecessary and unwise attack on Iran.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1. The Bloomington Common Council calls upon Congress to take the lead in actively:
  - (a) Promoting direct negotiations between the U.S. and Iran;
  - (b) Urging Iran not to initiate a program to develop nuclear weapons;
  - (c) Urging Iran to cooperate with International Atomic Energy Agency inspections of its nuclear program;
  - (d) Preventing, by its sole powers to wage war, any attack on Iran -- specifically by passing legislation prohibiting the use of funds to attack Iran;
  - (e) Clarifying that the *Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002* (P-L 107-243) does not extend to Iran;
  - (f) Discouraging any attack on Iran by an ally as well as U.S. logistical support for it;
  - (g) Insuring that information provided to the public by this Administration on the Iranian nuclear issue is accurate; and
  - (h) Closely monitoring the functions of the Executive branch as called for by Congress's constitutional oversight authority.
2. The Bloomington Common Council calls on the U.S. President to refrain from any military attack on Iran and from logistical support for such action by a U.S. ally.
3. The Clerk of the City Council shall send a copy of this resolution to our Congressional delegation and to the President of the United States.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

  
SUSAN SANDBERG, President  
Bloomington Common Council

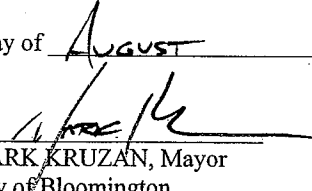
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REGINA MOORE, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

  
REGINA MOORE, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 7th day of August, 2008.

  
MARK KRUZAN, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

#### SYNOPSIS

This resolution cites the Bush Administration's direction to draft plans for a major U.S. bombing campaign against Iran and points out the economic, political and military imprudence of an attack. The resolution highlights Iran's key role as a negotiator of Iraqi sectarian violence – an essential component of an orderly withdraw of U.S. forces from Iraq. The resolution maintains that a war with Iran further compromises global economic and political stability and will cause greater local losses, both in the number of Bloomington residents serving in the armed services and the further diversion of much-needed social service and other local funds to an unwarranted military act. The resolution calls upon the U.S. Congress to: promote negotiations between the U.S. and Iran; pass legislation prohibiting the use of funds to attack Iran; make clear that its 2002 Congressional Resolution authorizing an attack on Iraq does not extend to Iran; discourage an attack on Iran by any U.S. ally as well as any U.S. support of an allied attack; insure that information provided by the Administration to the public is accurate; and exercise its oversight authority over the executive. The resolution also calls upon the President of the United States to refrain from any military attack on Iran and from logistical support for such action by a U.S. ally. Finally, the resolution calls upon the Bloomington City Clerk to send this legislation to the Indiana Congressional Delegation and the President of the United States.

*Note: The resolution was revised prior to introduction to include reference to Afghanistan in the second-to-last whereas clause on the first page of the resolution.*

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President Bush